

REMARKS

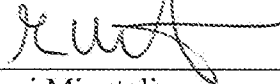
Claims 20-21, 23-42, 44 and 47 are pending in the application. Claims 48-51 have been cancelled. Claim 37 has been amended.

Claim 37 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the invention. Claim 37 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis of the limitations "the fastening support pipe" and "the consumption-resistant insert." Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. In view of the above, Applicants believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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